

ADE to begin implementing new, uniform data standards statewide



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Vendor Community:

On October 19, 2012, the Arizona Data Governance Commission directed the Arizona Department of Education (ADE) to use Ed-Fi as the Agency's internal physical data model and as the single state education (K-12) physical data standard for data interchanges between local education agencies (LEAs) and ADE for all state-mandated data requirements. Complete statewide implementation is to be completed by the beginning of 2015 school year. Further, ADE was directed to use Common Education Data Standards (CEDS) as the logical data model for ADE internal data use (Master Data Management), with immediate implementation. ADE is now ready to accept LEA data in this format, which will necessitate changes to your Student Information System products.

The Ed-Fi solution was chosen because it is the only free, flexible and complete ed-tech solution that enables better data collection and reporting. Arizona's standards, the Arizona Education Data Standards (AzEDS), will include all data elements, code tables, business rules and data validations needed to load LEA education data to ADE for state reporting. The pilot implementation will include Student Information and Accountability (SAIS) and Student-Teacher Course (STC) reporting. AzEDS is a critical part of the new Arizona Education Learning Accountability System (AELAS) vision. These XML-based standards allow LEAs to respond more quickly and cost effectively to changing data reporting requirements, and they conform to US Department of Education best practices.

ADE will provide vendor-specific materials, resource materials, process guides and direct technical support. The Agency has also established a website, www.azed.gov/aelas/azeds, with more technical information for vendors on this new state reporting requirement, and www.ed-fi.org has detailed information on the Ed-Fi initiative. Initial pilots must be in place by July 1, 2014 to meet the Data Governance Commission's mandate.

We thank you in advance for your support and appreciate everything you will do to ensure every Arizona student has access to an excellent education.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Mark T. Masterson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Mark" and last name "Masterson" clearly legible. The middle initial "T." is written in a smaller, more compact style.

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